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“Even when it outpaced the others CIS countries with regard to political democratization, inter-ethnic accord, and macroeconomic reforms, Moldova remained ‘the forgotten republic’ that it had been in Soviet times. The country was barely noticed in 1991–1995, despite the fact that Western financial institutions singled it out as a ‘regional example’ for its economic reforms. Moldova also remained largely anonymous as it became the first CIS country to gain admission as a full member of the Council of Europe and as it pioneered a model of ethnic–territorial autonomy (for the Gagauz) while also granting substantial concessions to Russians and other minorities.”

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